

Walla Walla County

For many, “Walla Walla” conjures thoughts of sweet onions and fine wines, but for its longtime family farms, Walla Walla is wheat country.

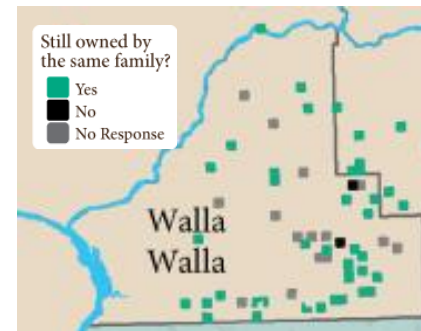
As a group, Walla Walla County’s Centennial Farms are the oldest in the state, with more than half established before 1875. Walla Walla is second only to Whitman County in the number of Centennial Farms, with 51 located across the county.

From its earliest days, Walla Walla has been a top wheat-producing county. In 2014, county farmers harvested 12.4 million bushels of



Each year, members of the Plucker family return to the farm near Touchet to bring in the wheat harvest. Four generations were on hand in 2015.

Response to Reconnecting with Washington’s Centennial Farms



Of the 51 Centennial Farms in Walla Walla County, 35 responded to the 2014 questionnaire. Of those, 33 continue to be owned by a descendant of the 1889 landowner.

mostly winter wheat from 188,000 acres, continuing its standing as one of the state’s top counties in terms of yield and total production. Walla Walla is also an important county in cattle and vegetable production.

Crop choices change over 25 years

Over time, the crops grown in rotation with wheat have changed. Dry peas are still popular, but acreage planted to barley has decreased, and more Centennial Farms report growing garbanzo beans, alfalfa and hay. Farms with irrigation grow a greater diversity of crops, including some of Walla Walla’s signature crops like sweet onions and alfalfa seed.

Overall, less acreage is being cropped, as the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has taken more than 25 percent of Walla Walla’s total cropland - the most erodible and environmentally

sensitive - out of production through long-term contracts. Acres enrolled in CRP in 2014 totaled 150,000 acres, well above the 97,000 acres enrolled in 1989, which was shortly after the program began. These acres are planted to native and nonnative grasses.

Wine industry helps grow ag economy

Accolades received by Walla Walla's first small wineries in the 1980s and the subsequent growth of the wine industry secured the county's place on the tourism map, and enhanced its reputation for high-quality food and agricultural products.

Virtually all of Walla Walla's 1,300-plus acres of wine grapes were planted in the last 25 years, and the county is home to about 125 wineries today, compared to just five in 1989, according to the Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance.

In the six years since Carol Delaney, of the Gilkerson/Davis Farm, sold some of her farmland to grape growers, she's been impressed by the buyer's investment. Beyond the initial land purchase, "they built a 10-foot fence all around to keep the deer out (of course, it doesn't), the windbreaks, the hand-labor for pruning," Delaney said. "Seeing all that, the high cost of wine makes sense."

Conserving soil and restoring habitat

Like farmers throughout the state, Walla Walla Centennial farmers report they are adopting more sustainable farming practices like no-till and minimum-till farming, and more efficient irrigation systems.

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program in Walla Walla County, initiated in 2000, is one of the largest in the state. Three Centennial Farms have participated – planting native trees, shrubs and grasses to restore fish and wildlife habitat along the Touchet and Walla Walla rivers.

Centennial Farms by the numbers: 1989 vs 2014

- Of the 33 farms still in the family, 11 are owned by the same owners as in 1989. Fourteen have been passed on to a child or grandchild. Five are owned by the 1989 owner and the next generation, and three are now owned by cousins or other relatives.
- Sixteen farms list a current owner as the day-to-day operator of the farm, five list a child, cousin or other relative and 12 are operated by a friend, neighbor or other non-relative.
- Twelve of the Centennial Farms have smaller operations than in 1989 and nine are larger, with the average size up from 1,081 acres in 1989 to 1,326 acres in 2014. Farm sizes in 1989 ranged from 40 to 5,777 acres, and in 2014, from 40 to 10,000 acres.
- Almost all of Walla Walla County's Centennial Farms – 30 out of 33 – produced wheat in 2014. One reported all its cropland was in CRP, another is a livestock operation, and one leases its land to the state for wildlife habitat. Top crops in 2014 are wheat, dry peas and garbanzos. In 1989, the top three were wheat, barley and cattle.
- Only four Centennial Farms reported having cattle in 2014, compared to 11 with cattle 25 years ago.
- Only two of the responding Centennial Farms are no longer in the same family. Both are still being farmed.

The Kibler Farm, one of Walla Walla's oldest Centennial Farms, grows wheat, hay and dry peas, and raises beef cattle. Its barn is one of several in the county that are on the state's Historic Barn Register.



The Aldrich Farm, est. 1858

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Current Owner: Carolyn A. Priest

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Normanita's daughter, Percy and Esther's niece

Current Operator: Pat McConnell

Relationship to Owner: no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	80	643	100	624	Cattle, wheat, dry peas	Wheat, dry peas, garbanzo beans

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We no longer raise cattle, hogs, or green peas, and we now raise garbanzo beans, in addition to wheat and dry peas.

Additional Information: By 2004, the farm had passed to Percy Shelley Aldrich's nine grandchildren, who managed it until 2011 when all except myself sold their shares. It is still operated as the Aldrich Farm, and I moved back to the family house in 2006 and live here today.

Contact: Carolyn Priest, 6880 E. Hwy 12, Waitsburg, WA 99361

Overview of the farm listings

Each farm listing contains the information provided by Centennial Farm families in response to the WSDA questionnaire. Each listing is a 2014 snapshot of the farm's ownership, family connections, size of operation, and crops and livestock produced. It often includes comments about changes in the last 25 years and, as much as possible, is in the voice of the respondent.

Each listing notes the page number for the farm's profile in the 1989 book, *Washington's Centennial Farms – Yesterday and Today* or its addendum, available on the WSDA website. A farm's 2014 listing is best understood and appreciated when read with its 1989 profile, where you'll find information on the farm's establishment and its operation at the time of the state's Centennial.

The booklet is organized alphabetically by farm name. Farms that did not respond are listed at the end of the chapter.

Barrett/McInroe Farm, est. 1869

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Current Owner: Jeanette D. Ambrose

Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter

Current Operator: Alan Gradwahl

Relationship to Owner: friend

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
120	120	370	370	180	Wheat, barley	Wheat

Additional Information: The farm is now known as the McInroe Farm. Alan Gradwahl has farmed the McInroe Farm for many, many years.

Correction to 1989 Book: Jeanette D. Ambrose, daughter of Corleen M. Barrett, became an owner of the farm in 1986.

Contact: Jeanette D. Ambrose, P.O. Box 763, Salem, OR 97308

The Coffin Farm, est. 1884

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Current Owner: Donna M. Hanebut

Relationship to 1989 Owner: widow

Current Operator: Donna M. Hanebut

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
41	41	41	41	50	Alfalfa, cereal grain crops	Wheat, CREP

Changes in the Past 25 Years: In 1999, the original 1911 home was donated to Mollie Hanebut's church and moved to the Lowden area. Mark and Donna built a pole-barn shop with accessory living apartment in the same area of the old house. Mark built a new family home on the hill adjacent to the Whitman Monument before he died from cancer in 2009. Mark's widow, Donna Mae Marr Hanebut, lives in that home and manages the farm.

Contact: Donna Hanebut, 3534 West Whitman Dr., Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Collins Farm, est. 1886

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Current Owner: Robert Collins Family

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Robert Collins is Roselle Collins' son

Current Operator: Howard Smith

Relationship to Owner: neighbor

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,012	640	960	Wheat	Wheat, CRP

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Fewer pheasants, more deer. Farm operations have totally changed to minimum tillage.

Contact: Robert J. Collins, 709 Berney Dr., Walla Walla, WA 99362

The James M. Cornwell Farm, est. 1868

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Current Owner: Mary Jane Pryor, Andrew Russell Pryor, Lindsay Pryor-Bjore, Emily Pryor

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Mary Jane and Andrew, siblings, were owners in 1989. Lindsay is Mary Jane's daughter and Emily is Andrew's daughter.

Current Operator: Andrew Russell Pryor

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
120	120	120	417	376	Wheat, green peas, barley, other legume crops	Wheat, garbanzos, peas, canola, soybeans

Additional Information: The farm is now known as the Cornwell-Blankenship Farm.

Contact: Mary Jane Pryor, 1615 Derby Ln., Tumwater, WA 98501

The Cummins Farm, est. 1881

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Current Owner: Melissa J. and Keith A. Cummins

Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter and son

Current Operator: Lessee

Relationship to Owner: no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
51	51	51	51	51	Small grains, alfalfa for seed	Alfalfa hay, seed corn, small grains

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Melville Cummins passed away in 2004. His widow Marian continues to reside on the farm. Melissa Cummins, a daughter and one of the current owners, moved back to the farm to retire in 2013. The farm cropland continues to be leased out.

Additional Information: Melville and Marian deeded the farm to their children, Melissa Cummins and Keith Cummins, in 1996. Marian retains a life estate.

Contact: Melissa Cummins, 191 Cummins Rd., Touchet, WA 99360

The Ferrel Farm, est. 1880

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Current Owner: Greg and Jerri Ferrel, Gary and Lynn Ferrel

Relationship to 1989 Owner: grandsons and their wives

Current Operator: Greg Ferrel

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
157	157	795	1,069	1,600	Certified and registered wheat, green peas, garbanzo beans	Wheat, peas, garbanzo beans, barley

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Gone to direct-seeding cropping systems.

Contact: Greg Ferrel, 1605 Scenic Loop Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Five Points Farm, Inc., est. 1884

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Current Owner: Don Meiners, Dorothy Toretta, and Anna Gwinn**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same**Current Operator:** Mike Lyons LLC**Relationship to Owner:** renter

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
120	120	1,090	600	600	Wheat, green peas	Wheat, chickpeas

Additional Information: I still live in the farmhouse built by my grandparents in 1900.

Contact: Don Meiners, 4422 Spring Creek Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99361

The Fulgham Farm, est. 1886

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Current Owner: Robert Fulgham and Peggy Estes**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** same, and Peggy is Richard Fulgham's daughter**Current Operator:** Dan McClure**Relationship to Owner:** friend

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
120	120	652	652	652	Grain, alfalfa seed	Wheat, alfalfa seed, onions

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Irrigation. The family retired from actively operating their land in 2004.

Contact: Robert Fulgham, 2994 Barney Rd., Touchet, WA 99360

The Gilkerson/Davis Farm, est. 1863

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Current Owner: Carol Delaney and Peggy Hubble**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** children**Current Operator:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife**Relationship to Owner:** no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
129	80	129	80	80	Wheat, peas, barley, cattle	Leased to Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We built a home on the spot where my parents' home was and where my great-grandfather built his home in 1864. My dad started leasing 60 acres to the state about 25 years ago and we've continued to lease. Fish and Wildlife seeds it with grasses and it is habitat for deer, pheasants and quail. Six years ago I sold 70 acres that is now planted as a wine vineyard.

Contact: Carol L. Delaney, 2862 Mill Creek Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Hastings Farm, est. 1887

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Current Owner: Vern and Kathy Hastings**Relationship to 1989 Owner:** son and daughter-in-law of Claude, Vern is Delbert's nephew**Current Operator:** Vern Hastings**Relationship to Owner:** same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	41	245	41	71	Alfalfa, grain, row crops, cattle, sheep	Alfalfa hay, grass hay

Changes in the Past 25 Years: A cousin (Delbert's daughter) sold her half; Vern sold 40 acres in order to move onto the homestead site.

Additional Information: Several original buildings are used for hay storage and storage.

Contact: Vern Hastings, 504 Locher Rd., Touchet, WA 99360

Philip Hoffmann Sr. & Sons, est. 1887

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Current Owner: Steve and Cynthia Hoffmann

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Steve is grandson of Phillip Sr., son of Curtis, nephew of Allen, and Cynthia is Steve's wife

Current Operator: Steve Hoffmann

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
120	120	2,800	about 1,000	1,500	Wheat, barley	Wheat, cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Divided among heirs.

Contact: Steve Hoffman, 764 Hoffman Rd., Prescott, WA 99348

Kenney Farms, Inc., est. 1866

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Current Owner: David Dunkelburg, Barbara Hillbrand (Mann), Thelma Silva (Banks), Bridget Blom, Christy Weaver (Reilly)

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same, all children of Barbara Kenney

Current Operator: David Dunkelburg

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
120	120	1,770	1,920	1,920	Green peas, barley, wheat	Alfalfa, wheat, peas

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Not much has changed. All of the original buildings are still in use.

Correction to 1989 Book: The farm is 3 miles south of Walla Walla.

Contact: Barbara Hillbrand, 3629 Braden Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Robert F. Kibler Farm, est. 1870

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Current Owner: Geraldine Cramer, Pauline Winters and Sandra Shaub

Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughters

Current Operator: Geraldine Cramer, Pauline Winters and Sandra Shaub

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	530	530	530	Wheat, dry edible peas, bluegrass seed, barley, hay, beef cattle, hogs	Wheat, hay, dry peas, beef cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Farm production remains the same. All buildings are still standing and still in use.

Additional Information: Robert and Margaret Kibler owned the farm 1973-2013, after which time their three daughters have owned it.

Contact: Pauline Winters, 662 Mill Creek Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Lloyd Farm, est. 1863

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 1990.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes, Perry and Darleen Dozier grow wheat and dry peas on the land, which is now part of the 2,500-acre Double D Ranches operation.

Contact: Perry Dozier, 262 Connover Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99362

The Lowden Farm, est. 1883

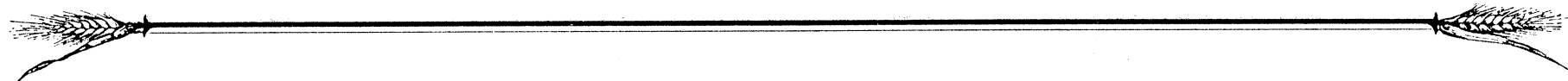
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Current Owner: Lowden Wyatt and Claudia Borgens

Relationship to 1989 Owner: grandson and granddaughter-in-law

Current Operator: Chvatal Farms, Inc.

Relationship to Owner: neighbor



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
595	595	620	620	620	Wheat, barley, hay, alfalfa seed, Black Angus cross cattle	Wheat, alfalfa hay, peas, pigs, chickens, beef cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We've made major improvements in irrigation, from flood to hand line and pivot irrigation. We've also added CREP plantings along the river to improve habitat for fish and wildlife. We plan to restore a bunkhouse, one of the original buildings.

Contact: Claudia Borgens, 1456 Barney Rd., Lowden, WA 99360

The Lowden/Dodd Farm, est. 1869

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Current Owner: Lawrence Lowden Dodd

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Darren Goble

Relationship to Owner: cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
100	100	206	207	187	Hay, wheat, barley	Hybrid corn, dry peas, wheat, planting alfalfa for deer, hay, Sudan grass

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We've improved the irrigation system. We closed open ditches and replaced buried plastic pipe. Part of the land is irrigated by pivot. We closed a pond used to pump irrigation water.

Additional Information: For 13 years we have attempted to save the Lowden family's irrigated agriculture lands from being destroyed, in part by the Washington State Department of Transportation's plan to expand US Highway 12 to four lanes. In the fall/winter 2013-14, the Old Lowden open ditch, established in 1869, was changed to a pressure pipe system. Lawrence L. Dodd has lived in the 1909 house for the past 70 years.

Correction to 1989 Book: The farm was owned by the Lowden

Company (Lawrence L. Dodd's great-grandmother and his two uncles) from 1895 to 1932, and by Mary Irene Johnson and J. Paul Dodd from 1932 to 1962. Francis M. Lowden Sr. purchased his first registered Shorthorn cattle in 1869.

Contact: Lawrence Dodd, 134 Lowden Gardena Rd., Touchet, WA 99360

The Thomas Lyons Farm, est. 1871

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Current Owner: Matthew Lyons Jr. and Elinor Sherry

Relationship to 1989 Owner: children

Current Operator: Matthew Lyons Jr.

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
80	80	3,517	2,450	2,450	Wheat, barley, dry peas	Wheat, peas, barley, garbanzos

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Little or no plowing, bigger machinery, no animals. An original barn is still used to store machinery.

Additional Information: My great grandfather, Thomas Lyons, gave some 3,800 acres to his children. These tracts are now owned by different relatives, some of whom are part of the farm corporation of which Matthew Lyons Jr. and Elinor Sherry own majority interests. No land has been sold to outside interests. All landowners are direct descendants of Thomas Lyons.

Contact: Matthew Lyons Jr., 533 McCown Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99361

The Lyons/Dunphy Farm, est. 1871

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Current Owner: Kelene (Kelly) Jones-Deccio, Tim Lyons, Judy Talbot and Louis Lyons

Relationship to 1989 Owner: cousins

Current Operator: Tim Lyons

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
70	70	727	327	727	Wheat, peas	Wheat, garbanzos

Additional Information: William Trammell owned the farm with his four aunts until 2000. Kem A. Jones, his cousin, was an owner from 2000 to 2009. The current owners, all cousins of William Trammell, have owned the farm since 2000.

Contact: Tim Lyons, 1457 Clarence Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Magallon Farm, est. 1882

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Current Owner: Albert C. Statler

Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners

Current Operator: Mike Bowe

Relationship to Owner: leaseholder

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
119	119	5,777	5,777	5,777	Wheat, barley	Small grains

Contact: Albert C. Statler, 7484 Mill Creek Rd, Walla Walla, WA 99362

The William McCown Farm, est. 1878

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Current Owner: Matthew Lyons Jr., Elinor Sherry, Richard Hagwell and Donald Hagwell

Relationship to 1989 Owner: sons and daughter

Current Operator: Matthew Lyons Jr.

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,100	1,064	1,064	Wheat, barley, hogs, cattle	Wheat, dry peas, garbanzos

Changes in the Past 25 Years: No plowing, bigger faster machinery, no animals. We have the county's oldest barn, though it is not in use today.

Additional Information: Farm ownership transferred from Maxine Hagwell to her sons Donald and Richard in 1995 and from Marjorie Lyons to her children Matthew Lyons and Elinor Sherry in 2006.

Contact: Matthew Lyons Jr., 533 McCown Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99361

The McCulloch Farm, est. 1883

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Current Owner: Andrew "Jack" McCulloch

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Brad Tompkins

Relationship to Owner: son-in-law

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
320	320	1,600	1,600	1,600	Wheat, barley, cattle	No crops: Land is in the CRP program

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Entered the CRP program in 1994 and this fall will start another 10-year contract.

Contact: Andrew "Jack" McCulloch, 516 S. Palouse St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Christian Miller Farm, est. 1888

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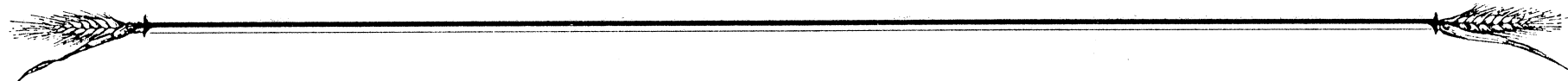
Current Owner: Dean C. Farrens, JoAnn S. Farrens, Brian G. Farrens and Heather Farrens Eng

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Two of the owners, and Brian and Heather are children of Greg P. Farrens

Current Operator: Dean C. Farrens

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	350	850	850	Wheat, dry peas, barley	Wheat, dry peas, garbanzos



Additional Information: The original bunkhouse is still in use.
Contact: JoAnn S. Farrens, 7134 Mill Creek Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Mission Farms, est. 1880

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Current Owner: Craig Shelden, Lorinda Shelden and Brenda Putnam
Relationship to 1989 Owner: children
Current Operator: Lorinda Irene Shelden
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014	2014	1988	2014
37	37	84	44	44	Grain, hay, cattle	Laying hens, meat chickens, turkeys, hay, Katahdin sheep, cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We sold 40 acres in 2005. Over the past five years, we've added broad-breasted and heritage turkeys, natural free-range eggs, Cornish-cross meat chickens, beef, Katahdin sheep and alfalfa hay. A portion of the farmhouse is 136 years old and is currently occupied.

Contact: Craig Shelden, P.O. Box 3221, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

The Pettijohn/Sanders Farm, est. 1881

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Current Owner: Mark and Miriam Grant
Relationship to 1989 Owner: cousin
Current Operator: Mark Grant
Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014	2014	1988	2014
120	120	415	415	415	Wheat	Wheat

Additional Information: We have continuously farmed wheat. In 1996, ownership of the farm passed from Doris Sanders and E.T. Pettijohn to

their cousin, Sam Grant Jr., and his wife Georgene. Sam and Georgene's son, Mark, and his wife Miriam became the owners in 2007.

Contact: Mark Grant, P.O. Box 25, Prescott, WA 99348

The Pettyjohn Farm, est. 1858

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Current Owner: Nancy C. Grant, Samuel Grant Jr. Trust, Joseph E. Grant, Mary Grant Tompkins
Relationship to 1989 Owner: Nancy is William A. Grant's widow. The others are three of the 1989 owners.
Current Operator: Mark Grant
Relationship to Owner: son of Sam Grant Jr.

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014	2014	1988	2014
82	82	2,000	2,000	2,000	Wheat, barley, cattle	Wheat

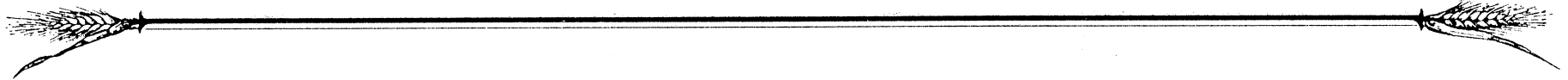
Additional Information and Corrections to 1989 Book: The farm is also known as the Pettyjohn/Grant Farm. Samuel O. Grant Sr. was an owner from 1963-1988. Elda Grant was an owner 1963-1995. Irene K. Grant was an owner 1988-1991. William A. Grant and the current owners became farm owners in 1988 after the death of their father Samuel Grant Sr. A brother, John L. Grant, ceased being an owner of the farm in 1998. William passed away in 2009 and his widow Nancy became an owner. Samuel O. Grant Jr. passed away in 2010, when his trust went into effect.

Contact: Mary Grant Tompkins, P.O. Box 2, Prescott, WA 99348

The Plucker Farm, est. 1874

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Current Owner: Robert G. and Marian Plucker
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Robert G. Plucker
Relationship to Owner: same



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
40	40	1,800	1,800	2,600	Wheat, barley	Wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm has changed little, operationally, over the past 25 years: Robert and Marian live in the family farmhouse. Their sons and daughter now do the farm work using the same well-maintained farm equipment. Much of the acreage is now in CRP and CREP.

Additional Information: The circa 1945 shop was modernized. The circa 1920 barn is getting a new foundation and paint. The circa 1940 wood grain elevator with man-lift still stores the annual yield of wheat. The old windmill is repaired and erected, and we use the original outdoor dinner bell to call in the crew for dinner. A new entry sign built of river rock from the Touchet River and an original horse-drawn plow greets visitors. A large American flag flies over the farm, representing the family's proud heritage.

Contact: Ron C. Plucker, 17 S.W. Homestead Ave., College Place, WA 99324

W.P. Reser Farm, est. 1868

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Current Owner: Byron G. Reser, Philip and Colleen Reser, Mike Reser

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Byron is Ed Reser's son. Philip was an owner in 1989 with his mother, Helen, and sister, Merridy and now owns Mike Reser Farms, Inc. with his wife Colleen and son, Mike.

Current Operator: Byron G. Reser; Phil and Mike Reser

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	1,370	1,652	2,440	Wheat, barley, peas, and cattle	Alfalfa, wheat, dry peas, green and dry garbanzos, grass, hay, straw

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Byron notes that farming has become more mechanized. He says wheat markets have become more volatile due to U.S. trade policy changes, with much more competition from foreign wheat markets like the Black Sea area of the former Soviet Union. Philip says the farm's cropping has changed and there is much more no-till and minimum tillage farming.

Additional Information: As in 1989, the W.P. Reser Farm is two farms operated by descendants of W.P. Reser. Byron's property includes the original 1868 parcel. The two farm operations have adjacent, checkerboard-patterned parcels of land between them. Byron farms 840 acres. Philip and his son Mike farm 1,600 acres. The 1883 barn still exists and is used for storage.

Contact: Philip F. Reser, 1802 Reser Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362, and Byron G. Reser, 2702 Reser Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Roberts Farm, est. 1871

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Current Owner: Jack H. and Betty L. Roberts Family Trust, The Betty L. Roberts Decedent's Trust

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Descendants of David Henry Roberts

Current Operator: Wilson Hollow Farmers, LLC

Relationship to Owner: friend (our great-grandfathers farmed together decades ago)

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	159	400	425	423	Wheat	Wheat, dry peas

Changes in the Past 25 Years: One equipment storage building blew down in the winter of 2009-2010. The original house, garage and shop are still in use.

Additional Information: The 1989 owners have all passed on. My father David Henry Roberts died in 1991; the David and Adda Roberts Trust was an owner until 2006 when my mother Adda died. My aunt, Lydia Roberts, died in 1999; Lydia's children, Muriel Roberts Hamilton and Richard Louis Roberts, were farm owners 1985-2006. Lydia's son David Roth Roberts, an owner since 1958, died in 2004. The family

trust my wife Betty and I set up has been a farm owner since 1997; Betty's decedent's trust has been an owner since 2010.
Contact: Jack H. Roberts, 1110 Wilson Hollow Rd., Waitsburg, WA 99361

The Shelton Farm, est. 1869

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Current Owner: Carma Carlson-Bergen and Martha Dybdahl
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Ray Reser
Relationship to Owner: neighbor

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
163	163	163	163	163	Wheat, peas	Wheat, barley

Changes in the Past 25 Years: We have made improvements to the original house, which is still in use.

Contact: Carma Carlson-Bergen, 7047 Bayview Dr. N.E., Olympia, WA 98506

The Struthers Farm, est. 1883

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Current Owner: The Eureka Flats LLC (George A. and Monica Struthers), Linda Lu Struthers
Relationship to 1989 Owner: great-nephew and his wife, and great-niece
Current Operator: George A. Struthers
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
960	960	960	6,000	10,000	Wheat, barley	Wheat, corn, potato

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Currently, 500 acres are under center pivot irrigation. The balance of the land is dryland wheat/summer fallow.

Additional Information: After George Struthers II died in 1990, the

farm passed to his nephew, Allen Dale Struthers and his wife Sarah Jane. Their daughters, Linda and Susan, inherited this land in 2003 and Susan sold her share to her brother, George. In 2005, George purchased land previously owned by his great-great-uncle, William Struthers, brother of George Struthers Sr. Other family land that had been farmed by George Struthers Sr. is owned by George's sister, Linda Struthers of Mercer Island, Wash., cousins John and Tom Struthers of Minnesota, and aunt Bonny Struthers of Walla Walla.

Contact: George Struthers, 500 Struthers Rd., Prescott, WA 99348

The Tompkins Farm, est. 1889

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Current Owner: Tolanco, Inc., (Ron Tompkins, his wife and two daughters), Game Over LLC (David Tompkins), Tabor Tompkins
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same; David is Ron's cousin and Tabor is David's son.

Current Operator: Tompkins Bros.

Relationship to Owner: nephews of Ronald Tompkins

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
160	160	2,440	2,440	2,440	Wheat, barley	Wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm is now part of a larger farm operation. The original 2,440-acre farm is too small to operate alone.

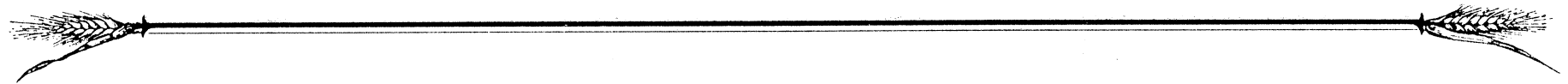
Contact: Ron Tompkins, 819 Country Club Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Waggoner Farm, est. 1882

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the family that owned it in 1989. The farm left family ownership in 2010.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes, Derek Duke of Duke Farms, Henderson, Nevada, owns the farm as investment property. Ownership became too complicated and a reasonable selling price became appealing to many of the 22 owners, all of whom had different perspectives on the farm's outcome. The entire 761 acres, with a farmhouse built in 1915, bunkhouse, and shop, were owned by the



family for 128 years. After it was sold to Duke Farms, one family member purchased back the farmhouse and 20 acres for their own use.

Contact: E. Alan Scheik, 6327 S. King Rd., Evergreen, CO 80439

The Yeend Farm, est. 1870

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Current Owner: Marjery Jean Small

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Dave Carey

Relationship to Owner: cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
32	39	32	39	39	Wheat, peas, barley	Wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: When my aunt died, land that was part of the original parcel was returned to my mom and me, so the amount we hold from the original parcel has increased to 39 acres.

Contact: Joe Small, 1027 Valley Grove Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362

Yenney Farms, Inc., est. 1872

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Current Owner: Kathleen F. Yenney and J. Phillip Yenney

Relationship to 1989 Owner: daughter-in-law and son

Current Operator: Jason Beechinor

Relationship to Owner: no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
		Farmed	Owned	Operated		
1989	2014	1989	2014		1988	2014
120	120	1,840	739	739	Wheat, barley, peas, cattle	Wheat, garbanzos, mountain cattle pasture

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farming corporation was dissolved in 2010 and all farming is now done by Jason Beechinor on a lease basis. The Yenney family retains ownership and Yenney grandchildren live in the home on Russell Creek.

Additional Information: Kathleen's husband Robert H. Yenney died in 1999. The farm's owners in 1989, John P. and Bertha W. Yenney, are Robert's and Phillip's parents. John died in 2009 and Bertha in 2012.

Contact: Kathleen Yenney, 711 Swainson Ln., College Place, WA 99324

Non-Participating Centennial Farms

The following 16 farms in the Walla Walla region did not participate in the 2014 project to reconnect with Washington's Centennial Farms.

The John P. Anderson Farm, est. 1883, p. 102

The Bergevin Farm, est. 1865, p. 93

The James Berryman Farm, est. 1878, p. 89

The Dement Farm, est. 1879, p. 99

The Drumheller Farm, est. 1877, p. A-17

The Flathers Farm, est. 1871, p. 81

The Gallaher/Buroker Farm, est. 1869, p. 85

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The Lane Farm, est. 1889, p. 88

The Leid/Hansen Farm, est. 1889, p. 97

The Martin Farm, est. 1869, p. 86

The McKinney Farm, est. 1864, p. 82

The Cyrus Nelson Farm, est. 1877, p. 88

The Reser Farm, est. 1862, p. 92

The Saturno/Breen Farm, est. 1880, p. 90

The Strahm/Mason Farm, est. 1874, p. 97